

What is claimed is:

1. A method of publishing media data, comprising:  
accessing a media interface of a media device;  
5 capturing media data using a media capture component  
of said media device;  
storing said captured media data in a media file in  
storage of said media device;  
modifying said captured media data; and  
10 publishing said modified media data to a network  
server;  
wherein said capturing, modifying, and publishing  
are performed using said media interface.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein:  
said capturing, modifying, and publishing are  
performed using an instant publish command of said media  
interface.
- 20 3. The method of claim 2, wherein:  
said instant publish command is accessed through a  
single operation of said media device.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein:  
25 said single operation is pushing one button on said  
mobile device.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein:  
said instant publish command is accessed through a  
30 remote operation of said media device.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein:

said modifying includes editing said captured media data using one or more editing commands within said media interface.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein:

said editing includes changing an image represented by said media data.

10 8. The method of claim 1, wherein:

said modifying includes adding metadata to said captured media data.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein:

15 said metadata includes user metadata defined by a user of said media device.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein:

said user metadata includes author information.

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11. The method of claim 8, wherein:

said metadata includes automatic metadata generated by said mobile device.

25 12. The method of claim 11, wherein:

said automatic metadata is generated when said media data is captured.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein:

30 said automatic metadata includes biometric information for the user of said mobile device.

14. A media device, comprising:

a control component;

a media capture component connected to said control component;

a media interface connected to said control component;

5 storage connected to said control component and to said media capture component; and

a network interface connected to said control component and to said storage;

wherein said media interface provides one or more  
10 media configuration commands to set one or more configuration settings, a capture media command to capture media using said capture media component, one or more editing commands to edit captured media data, and a publish command to publish media data through said  
15 network interface.

15. The media device of claim 14, wherein:

said media interface also provides an instant publish command.

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16. The media device of claim 15, further comprising:  
an instant publish input to activate said instant publish command.

25 17. The media device of claim 16, wherein:

said instant publish input is a push button.

18. The media device of claim 15, wherein:

said instant publish command causes said media  
30 device to capture media data, modify said captured media data, and publish said modified media data.

19. The media device of claim 18, wherein:

said instant publish command causes said mobile device to modify said captured media device according to configuration settings set through said media interface.

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20. The media device of claim 14, further comprising:

a remote command interface for receiving and processing remote commands.

10 21. The media device of claim 20, wherein:

said remote command interface provides a remote instant publish command.

22. The media device of claim 14, wherein:

15 said configuration settings include metadata to add to media data captured by said media capture component.

23. The media device of claim 14, wherein:

20 one of said one or more editing commands provides for modifying an image represented by media data captured by said media capture component.

24. The media device of claim 14, wherein:

said media device is a mobile telephone.

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25. A system for publishing media data, comprising:

a media interface of a media device;

means for accessing said media interface;

means for capturing media data using a media capture

30 component of said media device;

means for storing said captured media data in a media file in storage of said media device;

means for modifying said captured media data;

means for publishing said modified media data to a network server;

wherein said capturing, modifying, and publishing are performed using said media interface.

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26. The system of claim 25, wherein:

said capturing, modifying, and publishing are performed using an instant publish command of said media interface.

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27. A computer program, stored on a tangible storage medium, for use in publishing media data, the program comprising executable instructions that cause a computer to:

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access a media interface of a media device;

capture media data using a media capture component of said media device;

store said captured media data in a media file in storage of said media device;

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modify said captured media data;

publish said modified media data to a network server;

wherein said capturing, modifying, and publishing are performed using said media interface.

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28. The computer program of claim 27, wherein:

said capturing, modifying, and publishing are performed using an instant publish command of said media interface.

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